REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-22 were presented for examination.

Claims 1-22 were restricted as follows: group I, claims 1-11, 21 and 22 and group II, Claims 12
20. In response to the restriction requirement of the outstanding Office Action, Applicant elects with traverse group II, which corresponds to claims 12-20.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction with respect to group II. It is respectfully submitted that searching the subject matter of group II, and the subject matter of Group I, as outlined in the restriction requirement, does not place a serious burden on the Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Requirement for Restriction with regard to group II.

In the event the examiner maintains the restriction requirement with regard to claims 1-11 and 21-22, applicant hereby cancels claims 1-11 and 21-22 without prejudice.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in a condition for examination. Such action is most earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, he is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

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If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

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